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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 2591, AS ORIGINALLY RECD, VICE 2592)

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: EAIR, CZ
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOC'S FAILURE TO COOPERATE ON PAN AM REQUEST FOR
PILOT TRAINING PHOTOGRAPHS

REF PRAGUE 2024

1. LOCAL PAN AM REP, COLLINS HAY, HAS KEPT US INFORMED OF
THE UNFORTUNATE RUN-AROUND WHICH HE HAS EXPERIENCED AT HANDS OF
GOC SINCE HE REQUESTED PERMISSION LAST MAY 11 TO HAVE 35MM
STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF ISL/VOR APPROACHES AT PRAGUE'S RUZYNE
AIRPORT MADE FOR PAN AM'S PILOT TRAINING COURSE. FOR PAST FOUR
MONTHS, HAY HAS BEEN SHUNTED FROM ONE OFFICE TO ANOTHER (TRANSPORT,
DEFENSE, ARMY FILM UNIT, OMNIPOL, FILEXPORT, FOREIGN TRADE,
KRATKY FILM) AND TOLD ONLY A CZECHOSLOVAK, NOT PAN AM'S
PHOTOGRAPHER, CAN TAKE SHOTS. WORSE YET, CZECHOSLOVAKS CLAIM
COST WILL BE US \$8,500, WHEREAS HAY SAYS AVERAGE COST FOR SIMILAR
PHOTOS PAN AM HAS MADE AT 115 OTHER AIRPORTS (INCLUDING MOSCOW
AND LENINGRAD) HAS BEEN US \$300. WITH ONSET OF WINTER WEATHER
AND WORST AIR POLLUTION SEASON, HAY IS JUSTIFIABLY
ANGRY THAT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE IN A FEW HOURS ON A
SUMMER DAY MAY TURN OUT TO BE A COSTLY, COMPLICATED OPERATION,
IF INDEED GOC ALLOWS PHOTOS TO BE MADE AT ALL.

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2. HAY HAS REPORTED THIS RIGAMAROLE TO PAN AM'S NEW YORK
HQ AND ASKED HIS SUPERIORS TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S
ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY IS MORE THAN WILLING TO RAISE THIS WITH MFA
PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS (E.G., REPEATED
BURGLARIES OF PAN AM OFFICE, APPARENT CONTINUING REFUSAL OF STATE
BANK TO ALLOCATE HARD CURRENCY FUNDS FOR PRAGUE-DAMASCUS TICKETS ON
PAN AM, SEE PARA 4 REFTTEL) RAISE DOUBTS ABOUT GOC'S SINCERITY IN

REDRESSING IMBALANCE OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS UNDER RECENTLY EXTENDED
AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, THIS PROBLEM MAY THREATEN
SAFETY OF U.S. AIR CARRIER AND TRAVELLERS BY DENYING PAN AM PILOTS
PROPER TRAINING FOR PRAGUE FLIGHTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON WHETHER AND HOW
EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE THIS PROBLEM WITH MFA.

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